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1. THREE EMB OFFS ATTENDED GOING-AWAY PARTY ARD CORRESPONDENT
HELMUT CLEMENS EVENING JUL 5.

2. MOST OTHER GUESTS FELLOW CORRESPONDENTS DPA, REUTERS,
ANSA AND REPRESENTATIVES GERMAN AND U.K. EMBASSIES. TWO
CZECH GUESTS JAN MORAVEC AND KAREL HAVLICEK WERE DEPARTING
JUST AS EMB OFFS ARRIVED.

3. ONE CZECH FRIEND REMAINING THROUGHOUT EVENING WAS
MRS. JULIAN TOMIN, WHOSE HUSBAND FORMER PROFESSOR PHILOSOPHY
CHARLES U. WHO LOST POSITION 1968. TOMIN STILL TEACHES
PHILOSOPHY IN HIS RESIDENCE, AN ACT WHICH HIS WIFE CLAIMS
LEGAL SINCE HE DOES NOT CHARGE STUDENTS. HE ALSO HAS
OFFICIAL JOB WITH ZOO MAINTENANCE CREW AT LTERNATE NIGHTS
THROUGHOUT WEEK.

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4. MRS. TOMIN CLAIMS HUSBAND HAD NOT BEEN BOTHERED BY
POLICE SINCE LAST OCTOBER UNTIL THREE WEEKS AGO AND SINCE
HAS BEEN CALLED IN ONCE A WEEK, THE LATEST VISIT SCHEDULED
FOR TODAY, JULY 6. MRS. TOMIN STATED THAT WAS REASON
HUSBAND NOT PRESENT AT CLEMENS.

5. MRS. TOMIN SAID HUSBAND AND SHE EXPECTED HARASSMENT TO CONTINUE WITH HIM FINALLY ENDING UP IN PRISON SINCE THEY REFUSED TO LEAVE COUNTRY. SHE CLAIMED SHE LOST HER JOB AS INTERPRETER RECENTLY AND SOON AFTERWARD (14 DAYS AGO) THEY HAD BEEN OFFERED EXIT VISA TO DEPART COUNTRY WHEREVER THEY DESIRED. SHE SAID THEY FLATLY REFUSED THE OFFER.
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